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Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 9:29 AM
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Subject: FW: LMRAP DO UAA Comments
Attachments: Draft LMRAP DO UAA EPA Comment Ltr 11.25.2013.pdf

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From: Hubner, Matt [<mailto:Hubner.Matt@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 2:56 PM
To: Jenniffer L. Sheppard
Cc: Sandy Stephens; Crocker, Philip; Cook, Robert
Subject: LMRAP DO UAA Comments

Jenniffer and Sandy,

Attached is our comment letter for the draft eastern LMRAP DO UAA. You will note that we did not discover any show-stopper issues. I thank you for your patience while we reviewed this and the previous BTUAA documents (amidst the shutdown and other roadblocks). If you would like to discuss my comments or if you need more clarification on my points about the estuarine waters, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

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Tomorrow it is. Thanks for the heads-up. Been tied up with tribal stuff.

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To: Crocker, Philip
Subject: FW: For Your Review: draft comments on eastern LMRAP DO draft rule package

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To: McCoy, Melinda
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Subject: FW: request for extension of time to comment on LDEQ DO changes
Attachments: 7-16-15 request for xtension.pdf

Melinda - FYI

From: Jordan, Lisa W [mailto:lwjordan@tulane.edu]
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Cc: Matt Rota (matt@healthygulf.org); Crocker, Philip; Watson, Jane
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To: McCoy, Melinda
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From: LDEQ Monthly Regulation Changes Notification List <DEQ-REGS@LISTSERV.DOA.LA.GOV> on behalf of Susan Ham <Susan.Ham@LA.GOV>
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To: DEQ-REGS@LISTSERV.DOA.LA.GOV
Subject: LDEQ Comment Period Extension: WQ091

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Melinda

From: Amanda Vincent [<mailto:Amanda.Vincent@LA.GOV>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:53 PM
To: McCoy, Melinda
Subject: RE: touching base - WQS

Sure no problem. We have 2 permit staff who will be attending the workshop too.

These dates/times would work for us:

- Mon Aug 31 from 9 to 10 am
- Wed Sept 2 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm
- Fri Sept 4 from 10 to 11 am

Your action list looks good! I think for Drinking Water one we could give you update on the call of where we are and you can bring up your questions too – then we can identify next steps. I am having internal meeting with standards staff next week and we are planning to develop agenda items for the upcoming joint call. So I will be getting back to you later next week with proposed agenda items.

Amanda

From: McCoy, Melinda [<mailto:McCoy.Melinda@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Amanda Vincent
Subject: touching base - WQS

Hi Amanda,

Hope all is going well!

As mentioned in my email to Steph yesterday, I'm catching up after being pulled away for several days to work on the Animas mine spill response effort. I wanted to send you this email to touch base with you on a few LA WQS-related items.

8/26 recurring call -

My apologies, but I just realized that I scheduled our first LDEQ/EPA monthly WQS recurring call on 8/26. The week of 8/24-28 is the week of the NPDES Permit Writers training that will be happening in Dallas. I signed up to attend the training. (I've been wanting to take it for a few years now, but have been waiting for when it took place in Dallas to save money). I was wondering if there might be a good time for you during the following week (week of 8/31) for us to reschedule the recurring call?

My calendar is very open during the week of 8/31, with the three exceptions listed below. Otherwise, I am available.

Please let me know if you have a preferred time for the week of 8/31 (other than time slots noted below), and I will reschedule the meeting invitation that was originally for 8/26.

- Tues, 9/1 (1-3 pm)
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My "to dos"-

Here are the things that I have on my LDEQ-related "to do" list (want to assure you that I'm not forgetting ☺).

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Thanks so much, and hope all is going well.

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Attachments: LA_WQ091proposal_EPACmtLtr.pdf

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Attachments: 9-4-15 comments on WQ091.pdf; Exhibit M.pdf; Exhibit N.pdf; LA_WQ091proposal_EPACmtLtr.pdf; WQ091PRO.pdf

FYI, these are the Tulane comments. I've already shared with Rob and David Gillespie. Still mentally digesting them, but wanted to share with you. Appreciate any thoughts you may have. I've also attached the comment letter we sent to LDEQ, along with the LDEQ public notice that we and Tulane were responding to.

Thanks!
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Subject: LDEQ December Publications

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has submitted the following items to the Office of the State Register for publication in the December 20, 2015, issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

Proposed Rules:

AQ355-Offset Requirements in Specified Parishes (LAC 33:III.504)

Hearing Date: January 27, 2016

Comment Deadline: February 3, 2016

AQ357ft-Deletion of Significant Monitoring Concentration for PM2.5 (LAC 33:III.509)

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OS093-Reportable Quantity List for Pollutants (LAC 33:I.3905 and 3931)

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Final Rules (Effective 12/20/2015):

AQ347-Title I Modification (LAC 33:III.502)

HW116ft-Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) (LAC 33:109, 4911, and 4915)

WQ091-Dissolved Oxygen Criteria Revisions for Eastern Lower Mississippi River Alluvial Plains (LMRAP) Ecoregion (LAC 33:IX.1123)

Potpourri:

1512Pot1-State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze Program

1512Pot2-State Implementation Plan Revision

Emergency Rules:

None

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Rule Log # Key

Prefix

AQ - Air Quality
HW - Hazardous Waste
IA - Inactive and Abandoned Sites
MM - Multimedia
OS - Office of the Secretary
RP - Radiation Protection
SW - Solid Waste
UT - Underground Storage Tanks
WQ - Water Quality

Suffix

ft - Fast Track Rule: Federal regulation promulgated by expedited procedures in R.S. 49:953(F)(3)
A - Rule that was withdrawn after initial proposal and repropose with amendments
E# - Emergency Rule: # indicates how many times the emergency rule has been renewed
F - Rule promulgating federal language that has an accompanying Louisiana rule
L - Rule with Louisiana language that supersedes the accompanying federal rule
P - Rule resulting from a Petition for Rulemaking
S - Substantive changes to the proposed rule

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From: STATE REGISTER'S PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT LIST <OSR-REG@LISTSERV.DOA.LA.GOV> on behalf of Catherine Brindley <Catherine.Brindley@LA.GOV>
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Subject: Louisiana Register Notification

The Office of the State Register has published the December 20, 2015 issue of the Louisiana Register.

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